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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please make the following amendments to this application prior to calculating the official filing fee.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Claims 3-15, cancel.

Add new claims as follows:

16. (New) The femural component of claim 1, designed such that the femur stem axis coincides with the femur canal axis, and in the frontal plane the collum-centrum axis forms an angle with the diaphysial axis (CCD angle) of between 125° and 145°, as a rule 135°, and in the axial top view has an angle between the diaphysis and the screw neck axis - the "antetorsion angle" - of between 5° and 15°, as a rule 7°.

17. (New) The femural component of claim 1, designed such that the ventral surface is curved in a convex manner in the axial aspect and is curved an a concave manner in the ventral aspect, such that the center of curvature is in the ventral position and the radius of curvature decreases continuously in the proximal direction (parabola).